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GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS L.L.C.  
AND NTS SERVICES CORP.

Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated  
Interconnection Agreement  
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252

NO. 01-NA

61-6780

**JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS L.L.C.  
AND NTS SERVICES CORP.**

Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. ("Gallatin") and NTS Services Corp. ("NTS") through their counsel, hereby request that the Commission review and approve the attached Interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin and NTS, (the parties), pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e) (the "Act"). The parties, in support of their request, state as follows;

1. Petitioners Gallatin and NTS are each telecommunications carriers within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Universal Telephone Service Protection Act of 1985, 220 ILCS 5/13-100, et seq., and each is authorized to provide telecommunications service to customers in Illinois.

2. The Agreement was arrived at through good faith negotiations between the parties pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Act and provides for the interconnection of their networks and for the transmission and termination of calls on each other's networks in a just, reasonable and non-discriminatory manner. .
3. Section 252(e)(2) of the Act establishes the basis for rejection of a negotiated Agreement if; (1) the Agreement discriminates against another carrier; or (2) implementation of a negotiated Agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Neither basis for rejection is present here.
4. As set forth in the attached Verified Statement of Stephen V. Murray, Gallatin will make the Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.
5. In addition, the Verified Statement of Stephen V. Murray demonstrates that implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest because its implementation will promote competition and enable NTS to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telephone services.

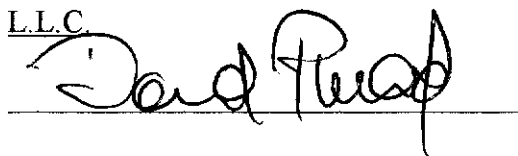
6. Pursuant to Section 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Agreement will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days from the date of this submission.
7. Copies of the Agreement are available for public inspection in Gallatin's public offices.

WHEREFORE, Gallatin and NTS respectfully request the Commission approve the attached interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin and NTS, under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of November, 2001.

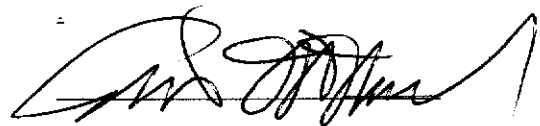
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COUNTY OF SANGAMON )       ss.

David O. Rudd, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is attorney for Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. and that he is authorized by Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin and NTS, and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

  
David O. Rudd, Esq.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2001.

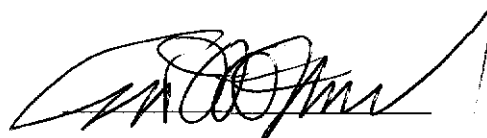


  
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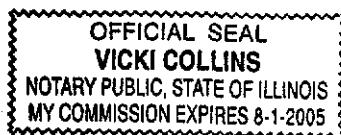
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Edward McNamara, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is an attorney for NTS Services Corp. and that he is authorized by NTS Services Corp. to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin and NTS, and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



Edward McNamara, Esq.

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